

### A Charleston Opinion About the

**Amendment.**

There is no fact more patent than that Congress avowed publicly upon the record that the whole object of the late war was the preservation of the Union and of the States under the Constitution.

If these commonwealths are States, it is plain that they cannot, without their consent, be deprived of their equal suffrage in the Senate, and yet they are still excluded from equal representation, while held to be States, and thus to pass upon an amendment to the Constitution.

For these propositions and this new theory of conditions there is no warrant in the Constitution itself. To admit that a dominant party can destroy or create States, can hold them as provinces for one purpose, and as sovereignties for another, can restrict or deny their representation unless upon the adoption of certain laws proposed by itself, is in direct and open violation of the Constitution.

The amendment, therefore, has been well characterized as simply a device to keep up dissension and disunion.

Against the constitutional precedent, and without guarantee, the amendment is liable also to the gravest objections in reference to its specific provisions. Its adoption by these States would be an act of futile dishonor.—*Charleston Courier.*

THE RADICALS foully abuse President Johnson on account of his policy of restoration, but not more foully than they abused President Lincoln on account of the same policy. If this is consolatory, President Johnson is consoled.

The notorious manifesto of Wade and Davis was leveled at Mr. Lincoln simply as the advocate of the policy which Mr. Johnson is executing. This our readers will remember. And surely the manifesto was

eminent masters of abuse could make it. "President Lincoln," it declared, "is guilty of personal ambition, executive usurpation, and military tyranny. He is guilty of perjury in violating the Constitution he has solemnly sworn to uphold."<sup>1</sup>

About the same time Wendell Phillips, in a public letter, as many of our readers will also remember, referred to Mr. Lincoln as "the slave hound of Illinois." And the rest of the medical pack opened on him in the like style.

So they served President Lincoln *ad* advocating the policy of restoration. We do not see that they are serving President Johnson any worse for executing it, though the executor, no doubt, is more scorable than the advocate. They ought to serve him worse, but they do not. Far be it from us, however, to reproach them with slackness in this respect. They doubtless would serve him just as if they knew how.—*Louisville Journal*.

ANOTHER SOUTHERN RECONSTRUCTION PLAN.  
Gov. Foster Stone, of Iowa, informs a newspaper correspondent that he has not decided whether he will call an extra session of the Legislature this Winter, as he doubts the expediency of so doing. Much, however, will depend upon the November election. The character of the opinion which Johnson's plan will have to be overhauled by Congress, and that the Constitutional Amendment question will be superceded by measures adapted to the necessities of the times, and the prospects of the future.

**OFFICIAL.—THE WAR DEPARTMENT.**  
**CIRCULAR IN RELATION TO THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2d, 1865.  
In order to correct misapprehensions, and to secure the payment of bounties authorized at the last session of Congress, the Secretary of War directs the following statement to be published:  
The payment of bounties to soldiers under the act

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and that finally revised, so as to preclude any additional charges, was presented to the Treasury for approval and protect the Treasury against fraud. The subject was discussed with the Attorney General, and upon their report being made, payment of these bounties was ordered. For the temporary suspension of payment of the bounties, the Treasury is responsible. All the time taken was consumed in the preparation of the bill for the Treasury, and to carry out the manifest purpose of Congress, to protect the Treasury against fraud, and to be carefully prepared regulations, which were then chosen out of his bounty.

K. D. TOWNSEND,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, APrIL 19, 1895.

Sir: On the petition of John F. Townsend, of Massachusetts, formerly of Piqua, Ohio, praying for the extension of the term of his patent for an Improved Method of Treating and Preserving Hides, made and granted to him in this office on November 3, 1891, under the provisions of the Organic Act, and renewed on the 15th day of May, 1893, in accordance with the provisions of the said Organic Act, and the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, and 72nd, this petition being for the extension of the term of his said patent for an Improved Method of Treating and Preserving Hides, made and granted to him in this office on November 3, 1891, under the provisions of the Organic Act, and 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Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least three days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party, to be used at the said hearing, must be submitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on request.

Depositions and other Papers, relied upon as testimony, must be filed in the office five days before the day of hearing; the arguments, if any, within ten days after filing the testimony.

Verdicts, and all other notes be published in the EXHIBITION and the *Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., in the *Register*, Boston, Massachusetts, one week for three days, and in the *Commonwealth*, New York, for at least sixty days previous to the day of hearing.

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